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For: **COMMON METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING AREA INFORMATION**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during examination of the instant application.

Applicant submits herewith a copy of a European Search Report dated January 31, 2006 and conducted in PCT Application No. US02/34867, which is a counterpart of the instant application. In particular the International U.S. Examiner cited:

- (1) EP 0 723 250;
- (2) Document entitled "A First Course in Program Design using C" (3 pages) by John Morris and copyright 1997;
- (3) Document entitled "Postal Address Block Location in Real Time" by Paul W.

Palumbo et al., pages 34-42, July 1992; and

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(4) Document entitled "Form-Based Localization of the Destination Address Block on Complex Envelopes" by M. Wolf et al., pages 908-913, August 1997.

Applicant also requests consideration of the following US patents:

- (5) US 5,097,533;
- (6) US 5,557,798;
- (7) US 5,671,442;
- (8) US 5,465,364;
- (9) US 5,968,138;
- (10) US 5,797,006;
- (11) US 5,134,669;
- (12) US 5,341,439;
- (13) US 6,049,636; and
- (14) US 5,974,169.

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of documents (5) – (14) which are US patent/patent application documents) including the U.S. PCT Search Report are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

Applicant notes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after receipt of a final Office Action on the merits. However, consideration of the enclosed documents is requested because documents (1) – (4) were considered in the U.S. PCT

Stage of the PCT counterpart application, which is based on the instant US Patent Application. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be required.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

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**EXAMINER**

**DATE CONSIDERED**

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